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E. O. 11652: BIO DATA XGDS
TAGS: PINR
SUBJECT: BIODATA ON ALBERTO GALEANO

REF: STATE 062300

1. ALBERTO GALEANO MADRID, BORN 23 MARCH 1921 IN GRACIAS, LEMPIRA DEPARTMENT, HONDURAS; RECEIVED TEACHING DIPLOMA AND SUBSEQUENTLY GRADUATED IN LAW FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF HONDURAS. CAREER POSITIONS: MAYOR OF CITY OF GRACIAS (PERIOD UNKNOWN); 1954 SUB- SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; 1956 SUB- SECRETARY OF EDUCATION; 1962-1965 DEAN OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES SCHOOL AT UNAH; FROM 1963 TO 1964 OR 65 SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVED AS GOH COMPTROLLER GENERAL; JUNE 1956- AUGUST 1971 PRESIDENT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK; AUGUST 1971 TO PRESENT PRESIDENT CENTRAL BANK.

2. TRAVEL: IN ADDITION CENTRAL AMERICA, HAD AS OF 1964 VISITED LIMA, SANTIAGO AND RIO, WITH BRIEF STOPS IN OTHER SOUTH AMERICAN CAPITALS. SINCE 1965 HAS MADE A NUMBER OF OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL TRIPS TO WASHINGTON, MIAMI AND POSSIBLY OTHER PARTS OF US. GALEANO SPEAKS ONLY SPANISH. FAMILY STATUS: MARRIED TO FORMER GRACIELA BURGOS DE GALEANO, WITH AT LEAST FIVE CHILDREN, TWO OF WHOM ARE GROWN, YOUNGEST ABOUT NINE.

3. GALEANO, SOMEWHAT RESERVED IN MANNER, IS WELL REGARDED PROFESSIONALLY, AND CONSIDERED ABLE AND HONEST. HE HAS
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FOR SOME TIME BEEN CLOSE TO CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL LOPEZ - UNDOUBTEDLY A FACTOR IN HIS RETENTION AS CB PRESIDENT AFTER FALL OF THE CRUZ ADMINISTRATION IN DECEMBER 1972 - AND APPARENTLY WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT' S INITIATIVES IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE IS WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS CACM, PARTICI-PATING ACTIVELY IN MEETINGS OF THE CA CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENTS, AND HE ENJOYS VERY GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH IMF AND WORLD BANK. GALEANO APPEARS FRIENDLY TOWARDS US AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH EMBASSY/ AID OFFICERS.

4. PHOTOGRAPH BEING AIRPOUCHED.
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